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For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF PSORALENS FROM BLOOD  
PRODUCTS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 19, 2004 for which a response was due on August 19, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 19, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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